

**Introduced by Senator Lowenthal**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 57007 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to environmental protection.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1394, as introduced, Lowenthal. Environmental protection: reports.

Existing law requires the California Environmental Protection Agency, and its boards, departments, and offices, to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature various reports containing specified information on the implementation and effectiveness of certain programs, policies, and projects to ensure the protection of natural resources in the state. Existing law requires the agency, and each board, department, and office within the agency, to submit a biennial report to the Governor and Legislature, no later than December 1 with respect to the previous 2 fiscal years, reporting on the extent to which these state agencies have attained their performance objectives, and on their continuous quality improvement efforts.

This bill would eliminate the requirement for the submission of this biennial report to the Governor and the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 57007 of the Health and Safety Code is  
2     amended to read:

1 57007. (a) The agency, and the offices, boards, and  
2 departments within the agency, shall institute quality government  
3 programs to achieve increased levels of environmental protection  
4 and the public's satisfaction through improving the quality,  
5 efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the state programs that  
6 implement and enforce state and federal environmental protection  
7 statutes. These programs shall be designed to increase the level of  
8 environmental protection while expediting decisionmaking and  
9 producing cost savings. The secretary shall create an advisory  
10 group comprised of state and local government, business,  
11 environmental, and consumer representatives experienced in quality  
12 management to provide guidance in that effort. The secretary shall  
13 develop a model quality management program that local agencies  
14 charged with implementing air quality, water quality, toxics, solid  
15 waste, and hazardous waste laws and regulations may use at their  
16 discretion.

17 ~~(b) The agency, and each board, department, and office within~~  
18 ~~the agency, shall submit a biennial report to the Governor and~~  
19 ~~Legislature, no later than December 1 with respect to the previous~~  
20 ~~two fiscal years, reporting on the extent to which these state~~  
21 ~~agencies have attained their performance objectives, and on their~~  
22 ~~continuous quality improvement efforts.~~

23 ~~(c)~~  
24 (b) Nothing in this section abrogates any collective bargaining  
25 agreement or interferes with any established employee rights.

26 ~~(d)~~  
27 (c) For purposes of this section, "quality government program"  
28 means all of the following:

29 (1) A process for obtaining the views of employees, the  
30 regulated community, the public, environmental organizations,  
31 and governmental officials with regard to the performance, vision,  
32 and needs of the agency implementing the quality government  
33 program.

34 (2) A process for developing measurable performance  
35 objectiveness using the views of the persons and organizations  
36 specified in paragraph (1).

- 1 (3) Processes for continually improving quality and for training
- 2 agency personnel, using the information obtained from
- 3 implementing paragraphs (1) and (2).

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